

Amendment in Reply to the Notice of Abandonment of September 19, 2007
and the Final Office Action of February 27, 2007

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 8, between lines 4-31 of the specification with the following:

The depilating apparatus 1 is equipped with a motor 69 accommodated in the housing 2. The motor 69 is equipped with a motor shaft 70, on which a first toothed wheel 71 sits with rotational resistance. Engaging in the first toothed wheel 71 is a second toothed wheel 72 which is rotatably mounted with the aid of an axle 73 protruding from second sidewall 6. The second toothed wheel 72 engages with the drive toothed-wheel 66. A drive connection 74, comprising the motor shaft 70 and the first toothed wheel 71 and the second toothed wheel 72 and the drive toothed-wheel 66 and the (not shown) single-direction coupling and the reel toothed-wheel 64, is thereby provided between the motor 69 and the wind-up reel 60. In this manner, the wind-up reel 60 can be rotatably operated with the aid of ~~of~~ the motor 69 to wind up the

depilating tape 11 which was previously adhering to the skin of a person. The drive connection 74 between the motor 69 and the wind-up reel 60 can hereby be interrupted using the single-direction coupling between the drive toothed-wheel 66 and the reel toothed-wheel 64. To interrupt the drive connection 74, means suitable for the purpose are provided, in this case constituting the hand-operated control button 46, through actuation of which the drive means 74 can be interrupted. With the aid of the control button 46, the motor 69 can be switched on if control button 46 is moved from its first position, which is not shown in FIG. 2, in the direction of arrow 48 into its second position as shown in FIG. 2, wherein the motor 69 is then operated to drive the wind-up reel 60. If, conversely, the control button 46 is moved from its second position as shown in FIG. 2 counter to the direction of arrow 48 into its first position, which is not shown in FIG. 2, and remains in its first position, the motor 69 is switched off and, using the braking effect of the motor 69, the first toothed wheel 71 and the second toothed wheel 72 and the drive toothed-wheel 66 are secured against rotation, wherein, however, by virtue of the effect of the single-

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direction coupling provided between the drive toothed-wheel 66 and the reel toothed-wheel 64, the reel toothed-wheel 64 can be operated in the direction of arrow 68 by pulling off the depilating tape 11 that was previously already wound onto the wind-up reel 60, which means, in other words, that a depilating tape 11 that has already been wound onto the wind-up reel 60 can again be unwound from the wind-up reel 60.